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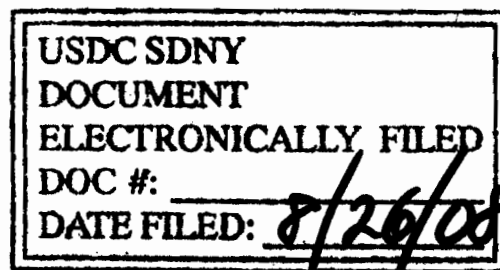
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The Honorable Gerard E. Lynch
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 2270
New York, New York 10007
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Re: United States v. Ihab Tartir, et al.,
07 Cr. 1065 (GEL)

Dear Judge Lynch:

The Government writes to update the Court on the status of this case and to respectfully request, with the consent of both defendants who remain in the case, an adjournment of three business days of the time within which the Government must file its notice to the defendants of Rule 404(b) material. Under the Court's scheduling order in this case, this deadline is set for September 5, 2008.

Three of the five defendants in this case have pled guilty (Mostafa Dyab, Yolanda Cruz, and Yaritza Valle). The two remaining defendants, Ihab Tartir and Mohamed Emam, are expected to go to trial on September 29, 2008.


The Government has produced a substantial amount of potential Rule 404(b) material in discovery and has had discussions with both defense counsel about that material. Because of Government counsel's vacation schedule, more time is needed to complete its analysis

of what additional Rule 404(b) material there may be. For this reason, the Government requests that it be given until September 10, 2008 to provide its Rule 404(b) notice to defense counsel.]*

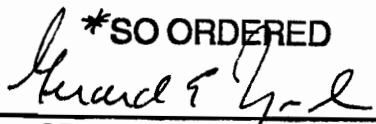
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*SO ORDERED

GERARD E. LYNCH, U.S.D.J.
8/25/08